

following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2 (1)): Garnac Grain Co., Inc., Overland Park, KS; Trujillo & Sons, Inc., Miami, FL; Gulf Pacific Disc, Inc., Houston, TX; Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., Houston, TX; and Gulf Rice Arkansas, Inc., Crawfordsville, AR.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 1, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; ATP Focused Program Selection Process and other ATP Issues; a report by the National Research Council's Board on Assessment of NIST Programs; and a laboratory tour. Discussions on staffing of management positions at NIST, and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:10 a.m. on September 1, 1998, will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 1, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 1998.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held in the Radio Building, Room 1107 (seating capacity 60, includes 35 participants), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy A. Webb, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 7, 1998, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for nominations of members to serve on the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for

appointment to Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel). The terms of some of the members of the Judges Panel will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before August 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-3716. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <<http://www.quality.nist.gov>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program and Designated Federal Official, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; telephone 301-975-2163; FAX-301-948-3716; or via e-mail at harry.hertz@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Judges Panel Information

The Judges Panel was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1), the Federal Advisory Commission Act (5 U.S.C. app.2), The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 (Public Law 101-107).

Objectives and Duties

1. The Judges Panel will ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process by reviewing the results of examiners' scoring of written applications, and then voting on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality and business performance improvements claimed by applicants.

2. The Judges Panel will ensure that individuals on site visit teams for the Award finalists have no conflict of interest with respect to the finalists. The Panel will also review recommendations from site visits, and recommend Award recipients.

3. The Judges Panel will function solely as an advisory body, and will comply with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Panel will report to the Director of NIST.

Membership

1. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members selected on a clear,